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for the year ended 31st December, 1947

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In view of the very long waiting lists the Infirmary has under consideration the extension of its services for In and Out-patients

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Resident Surgical Officer

Medical Registrar

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One House Physician

Registrar to Ear, Nose and Throat Dept.

and

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1948

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W. Hill

Quarterly General Meetings of the Governors are held at 12 noon on the last Thursday in the months of March, June, September and December (Thursday being Christmas Day, the meeting is held on the day before).

The Quarterly General Meeting in March is the Annual General Meeting of Governors.

ATTENDANCES AT COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND WEEKLY BOARD FOR THE TWELVE MONTHS ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1947

GENERAL COMMITTEE.	Possible number of attendances	Attended
Admiral Sir Richard Bevan, K.B.E., C.B., D.S.O., M.V.O., D.L., *Chairman*	4	4
W. Washbourn, C.B.E., *Deputy Chairman*	13	11
Mrs. Beaman	13	1
J. W. L. Beaven	13	9
H. Benfield (obitt.)	13	9
W. E. Brown	13	9
Miss P. Bulley	13	0
Capt. H. M. Calvert	13	4
H. Cole	13	9
G. E. Collier	13	10
Lady Darell	13	3
Mrs. E. B. Evans, O.B.E.	13	8
Sir Evan Gwynne Evans, Bart.	13	2
Mrs. Farran	13	0
Mrs. F. C. Gardner (appointed 27/3/47)	10	6
Colonel H. A. Guy, O.B.E.	13	7
Major H. Hague	13	10
W. Hill	13	6
A. J. Hodgson	13	10
A. C. Hyett (appointed 24/4/47)	9	9
W. E. F. Jones	13	6
C. V. Knight, M.D. (obitt.)	11	7
W. G. Knight	13	13
J. Morefield	13	0
T. H. Nash	13	12
E. Oakhill	13	6
Mrs. E. Padgett	13	10
Miss A. Tidswell	13	8
R. F. Tiley	13	8
W. A. Walker	13	12
G. Trevor Wellington, C.B.E.	13	1
R. E. Williams	13	11
Ex-Officio Members		
The Very Rev. The Dean of Gloucester	13	6
The Right Hon. Viscount Bledisloe G.C.M.G.	13	0
W. C. Oxenham	13	0
Mrs. J. O. Roberts	13	0
Lieut.-Colonel Sir Russell James Kerr	13	0

	Possible number of attendances	Attended
Colonel Sir Lionel E. Darell, Bart., D.S.O.	13	5
The Right Hon. Lord Sherborne	13	0
Sir John Percival, K.B.E.	13	2
W. F. M. Hopkins	13	6
W. Niccol	13	11
Dr. H. Cairns Terry	13	3

WEEKLY BOARD

H. Benfield (obitt.)	52	39
W. E. Brown	52	44
H. Cole	52	31
Colonel H. A. Guy, O.B.E. (appointed 30/1/47)	47	34
Major H. Hague	52	46
W. Hill	52	33
C. V. Knight, M.D. (obitt.)	46	36
T. H. Nash	52	45
Miss A. Tidswell (appointed 27/11/47)	4	4
W. A. Walker	52	47

Ex-Officio Members

Admiral Sir Richard Bevan, K.B.E., C.B., D.S.O., M.V.O., D.L.	12	11
W. Washbourn, C.B.E.	52	49

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

H. Benfield (obitt.)	1	1
H. Cole	1	1
Major H. Hague	1	1
G. Trevor Wellington, C.B.E.	1	0
R. E. Williams	1	1

Ex-Officio Members

Admiral Sir Richard Bevan, K.B.E., C.B., D.S.O., M.V.O., D.L.	0	0
W. Washbourn, C.B.E.	1	1
W. F. M. Hopkins	1	0
Lieut.-Colonel Sir Russell James Kerr	1	0
Colonel Sir Lionel E. Darell, Bart., D.S.O.	1	0
The Right Hon. Lord Sherborne	1	0
Sir John Percival, K.B.E.	1	1

REPORT OF THE GENERAL COMMITTEE FOR THE YEAR 1947

The New Act.

THIS is the last annual report which will be issued by the Infirmary as a Voluntary Hospital, as the National Health Service Acts come into operation on the 5th July, 1948.

Personal Support for Hospitals.

The British Hospitals Association has issued a memorandum in answer to the many questions raised by present supporters to hospitals in connection with continued help after the "Appointed Day." The report states :—

> "The National Health Service Acts lay on the Minister of Health the duty of providing a hospital service which is comprehensive : that is, a service which is available to all, and whose purpose is to meet in full the needs of those who use it. It is therefore clear that hospitals, which in the past have relied so much on voluntary financial support for their day to day maintenance, will no longer be dependent on it in that way. It has however been made equally clear that there will still be need in the hospital service for local interest, local initiative and local support ; and that those generous helpers who have in the past done so much to meet human needs, to foster interest and to stimulate progress in our hospitals will continue to find in them a field in which very valuable service can be rendered to the community."

> "Until actual experience has been gained of the operation of the new service it is not possible to forecast precisely or exhaustively the kinds of voluntary help that will be most needed. But it is possible to give a general indication of ways in which interest and support will obviously be helpful and welcome. These may take the form of personal service or of financial help."

Examples of the help we need :—

(*a*) By Personal Service, in consenting to join the Committee of Management of a hospital group or the House Committee of an individual hospital ;

(*b*) By retaining the Royal Infirmary League and the Clothing and Needlework Guild so as to continue the inestimable benefits derived by patients from their generosity and help ;

(N.B.—The contribution scheme will, of course, cease to function).

(*c*) By the continuance of the Library scheme so ably undertaken now by the British Red Cross ; the Waiting Room Canteen in which the W.V.S. have given invaluable assistance ;

(*d*) By financial support as follows :—

" Although the full maintenance costs of the hospitals will be a public charge, provision has been expressly made by the National Health Service Acts for the new committees of management of hospitals to enjoy the use of " free monies " to be spent as they think fit on hospital purposes. The hospitals will have at their disposal income from past endowments and they will be able to receive and hold future voluntary gifts.

*None of these gifts (including annual subscriptions and donations) will be transferable to the State, nor used to meet the cost of the hospital's maintenance**. On the contrary, committees of management will be free to apply them (subject to any express wish of the donor) in providing additional amenities for patients or staff, in undertaking experimental work of various kinds, or in supplementing in other appropriate ways the resources of the service.

* Where subscriptions or donations are made *after* the appointed day by Deed of Covenant for 7 years, with the Hospital Management Committee (or, in the case of a teaching hospital, with the Board of Governors ; or, in the case of a Scottish hospital, with the Board of Management), the provisions of the Income Tax Act, 1918 as adjusted by subsequent Finance Acts affecting covenanted subscriptions will continue to apply, *i.e.*, the hospital Committee/Board will be able to claim refund of Income Tax. The reason is that although the hospitals as such will be State Institutions, the new Committees or Boards, by virtue of the N.H.S. Act 1946, are constituted Trustees with legal corporate entity and are empowered to receive, hold and administer charitable gifts in accordance with Section 59 of the English Act (Section 58 of the Scottish Act).

It will be of the greatest benefit to committees of management, to patients and to staff alike if each hospital has at its disposal funds which can be used at discretion to meet the infinite variety of special circumstances and peculiar needs, which are bound to arise and which may not easily or appropriately be met through the expenditure of public funds."

REVIEW OF THE PAST YEAR

Preliminary Training School.

The School, which is situated at 44 London Road, has now been in operation for a whole year and 31 Student Nurses have passed

through, of whom three only were unable to continue the course. The School has proved a great success, not only as a means of giving the students a preliminary training before taking up their duties at the Infirmary, but also raising the status of the hospital and thus attracting more " would-be " Nurses, and as a result, increasing the Nursing Staff at the Infirmary. The house accommodates, in addition to the Sister Tutor and domestic staff, a maximum of 12 students.

Nurses' Prize-Giving.

On Friday, 5th December, Miss E. Cockayne, S.R.N., S.C.N., Matron of the Royal Free Hospital, London, presented the prizes to the successful Nurses, and gave a most interesting and inspiring address. The Chair was taken by the Lord Bishop of Gloucester. The Committee is pleased once again to say that the standard of marks gained by the Nurses was very high and that the gold medal, presented for the first time, was won by Nurse B. E. M. Harris, who had the highest total aggregate marks throughout the whole of her training.

Nurses' Home.

The work of installing steam radiators in every bedroom in the Nurses' Home, has now been completed and better toilet facilities have been provided. The total cost of these improvements is £2,700.

Accommodation for Nursing Staff.

There is now insufficient accommodation in the Nurses' Home for the increased number of nurses who are required in order to carry out additional commitments.

The Committee has therefore agreed to lease No. 146 London Road as an additional nurses' home, which it is hoped may be occupied before the winter of 1948-49. The house which is nicely situated, is in very good condition and will accommodate twenty-five nurses.

Nurses' Gold Medal.

By the generosity of the late Mr. C. V. Knight, who earmarked a sum of money in a private account for the express purpose of purchasing a gold medal every year, it has been possible, this year, for the first time, to present to one of the Nurses such a medal, which is a replica of the Infirmary's Training Badge.

Affiliation of Stroud General Hospital.

In view of the General Nursing Council's regulation that hospitals with less than 100 occupied beds cannot continue to be recognised as full training schools for Nurses, it became necessary for the Stroud General Hospital to associate with a larger hospital, and this has resulted in that hospital being associated with the Infirmary for the training of their Student Nurses. An agreement has been entered into whereby Stroud General Hospital will have a call upon at least three places in the Preliminary Training School, from time to time, and these students will have to spend two years at the Infirmary and one year at the Stroud General Hospital.

Re-Union of Past Nurse Trainees.

A very successful re-union of past Nurse Trainees was held in the Nurses' Home and it was a most enjoyable affair. It was the first of its kind ever introduced at the Infirmary and it is now proposed to have a re-union every year.

General Nursing Council Examinations.

It is with pleasure we have to report that the General Nursing Council approved of the holding of examinations at the Infirmary as from the 1st October last. Previously the examinations were held at the Technical College, but since now there are separate desks for Student Nurses the examinations can be held in the hospital.

Kitchens.

During the year, new equipment was purchased for the main kitchens with a view to giving more adequate service. Steps are being taken to appoint a Catering Officer, who will be in charge of the whole of the kitchen services, including the engagement and supervision of the staff, and the cooking and serving of meals for the patients and staff.

Water Softening Plant.

A tender has been accepted for the installation of a Permutit Water Softening Plant and the work is well under way. The approximate cost of the installation, together with electric motors, tanks, etc., will be £1,500.

Staff Locating System.

Great delay is often experienced in locating members of the Medical Staff and others in the Infirmary who may be required urgently, and valuable time wasted in finding them. It has therefore been decided to conform to the modern practice in large hospitals by installing a locating system. Steps are being taken to instal a modern electric locating system, the approximate cost of which will be £1,500.

Medical Block.

It has been decided to erect a stretcher lift in the Medical Block and an order has been placed with a well-known firm and the Ministry of Health has decided that the work shall be given priority. The cost will be approximately £2,500.

Laundry Department.

We have to report that the machinery for the laundry, ordered over twelve months ago, has not yet been delivered, notwithstanding repeated requests through the Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Works. It would appear that the firms concerned have to send a large proportion of their output for export and therefore we shall have to wait a little longer.

Proposed Extensions.

As reported last year, the draft plans were submitted to the Regional Office of the Ministry of Health but with regret we have to report that very little progress has been made. The plans were approved by the Medical and Lay Boards and submitted to the Ministry of Health, and in the meantime quantities were taken out so that, should the Ministry decide that the scheme could go

forward, tenders could be invited. However, owing to the very difficult position regarding building in general, no headway has been made in this matter, but constant pressure is being brought to bear on the Ministry of Health through its officials, in view of the considerable overcrowding of the Infirmary and the urgent need for more in-patient accommodation.

During the year, Professor G. S. Wilson, Sir Philip Panton and Dr. G. C. Kelly, representing the Ministry of Health, visited the hospital and examined the plans of the extensions and the proposed site. It would appear from their report that the proposed extension of the Pathological Department is not large enough for the work of an "Area Laboratory." Therefore, it was proposed that the plans be re-sketched, but since then a suggestion has been made that the work of the Venereal Diseases Department should be transferred to another hospital and the accommodation thus released could be included in the Pathological Laboratory, and so allow the floor above to accommodate a Children's Ward as a self-contained unit. It is on these lines that the Ministry of Health is being pressed for approval of the original plans.

Children's Ward.

In view of the closing down of the Gloucester Children's Hospital, representation was made to the Ministry of Health for the early consideration of plans to increase the bed accommodation, including a Children's Ward, but so far, the Ministry has not granted the necessary licence for the work to be carried out.

Children's Clinic.

A Paediatric Clinic has been set up and is held at the Infirmary every Tuesday afternoon at 2 p.m., when Dr. Terry is in attendance. This Clinic has become essential in view of the closing down of the Gloucester Children's Hospital, and with the introduction of an Area Paediatric Service, it is of the utmost importance that the Infirmary should have such a clinic to provide this necessary service under the new Education Act in relation to the National Health Service.

Special Clinics.

Other clinics for children have been set up, including a Congenital Heart Clinic, which is held at the Infirmary at 9.30 a.m. on the third Friday of every month.

Radiotherapy Department.

During the year, the Cheltenham General Hospital and the Royal Infirmary have been recognised as an Area Unit, associated with the Bristol Radiotherapy Department, under the Cancer Act, and a whole-time Therapy Radiographer has been appointed. The Bristol General Hospital has kindly arranged for a Visiting Radiotherapist to attend at the Royal Infirmary on alternate Wednesdays to see all patients suffering from, or suspected to be suffering from, Cancer, and to consult with all members of the Visiting Medical Staff on such cases.

Electrocardiograph Department.

In view of the importance of this work, it was decided to appoint a whole-time technician who would be responsible for this essential part of medical service, and the appointment has proved a success, because the work has increased beyond our imagination. An order was placed for a portable Electrocardiograph apparatus at a cost of £180, which has now been delivered.

Orthoptic Department.

We are pleased to say that an Orthoptist has been appointed and commenced her duties on March 1st. This very important department, associated with the correction of squints, especially in children, has proved essential and beneficial to many, and it is expected that the work will increase rapidly with the introduction of the New Health Service.

X-Ray Department.

During the year the services of Mr. Morgan Davies, Consulting X-Ray Engineer, were obtained with a view to advising on the purchase of modern X-Ray Diagnostic apparatus, in place of the present units, which have been in use for many years. Upon his

recommendation, orders were placed for shock-proof apparatus, at an approximate cost of £8,000. Part of this order has already been executed by delivery of a Westinghouse Fluoradex mechanically controlled tilting table Unit which is now in use. The rest of the equipment will be installed within the next few months.

Almoner's Department.

During the year, Miss Yates, the Almoner, resigned her post having been appointed Head Almoner at Addenbrookes' Hospital, Cambridge. We take this opportunity of expressing our appreciation of her services. Her successor, Miss M. Moncaster, took up her duties on 24th November and has already proved to be a very good choice and is developing a Social Service Department, in accordance with the latest requirements.

Occupational Therapist.

Owing to the fact that there have been no applicants for the post of part-time occupational therapist, and because the Medical Board does not consider that a full time therapist would be fully employed, it has been decided to substitute Handicraft Instructors for teaching suitable patients.

Convalescent Home.

Arrangements have been made with the Royal West of England Sanatorium, Weston-Super-Mare, to have a number of beds available, from time to time, for convalescent cases from the Infirmary. We are very grateful to the Sanatorium for making these arrangements.

Chapel.

By the kindness of Mrs. F. C. Gardner, a new altar table and furnishings have been installed in the Hospital Chapel in memory of her late husband, Mr. F. C. Gardner. The Lord Bishop of Gloucester performed the Dedication Service in the Chapel on Tuesday, 23rd December, when personal friends and members of the Weekly Board were present. The Governors desire to place on record their very grateful thanks and appreciation to Mrs. Gardner.

Fees in Private Wards.

In view of the increased cost of all commodities, it was decided, on 1st March, 1947, that the fees for the private rooms should be increased from £8 8s. 0d. to £9 9s. 0d. a week and the semi-private wards, from £4 10s. 0d. to £5 10s. 0d. a week.

Visiting Medical and Surgical Staff.

During the year, the following appointments have been made :—

Mr. H. Mower	Surgeon to Ear, Nose and Throat Department.
Dr. David Erskine	Area Dermatologist.
Dr. C. H. Kitchen	Assistant Radiologist.
Mr. G. N. Pattison	Ophthalmic Surgeon.
Dr. F. A. Hanna	Area Radiotherapist.

Resident Medical Staff.

In view of the introduction of more clinics, extra work has been placed on the Infirmary and it was found necessary to increase the Resident Medical Staff.

The following appointments have been made :—

A Medical Registrar, an Ear, Nose and Throat Registrar, a Gynaecological Registrar, and Registrar/Anaesthetist.

Royal Infirmary League.

Through the kindness of the Royal Infirmary League, 80 coloured heat-resisting tea trays were purchased for the Women's Wards and the Needlework Guild has also promised to purchase a further quantity for the rest of the hospital. We are deeply indebted to the League and to the Guild for these magnificent and acceptable gifts.

Service to Other Hospitals in the Area.

Arrangements have been made whereby Dr. E. W. Hyde, Diagnostic Radiologist, visits the Dilke Memorial, Lydney and Berkeley Hospitals, thus enabling these smaller hospitals in the district to have the services of a Specialist.

Joint Standing Lay Committee.

A Joint Standing Lay Committee has been formed, consisting of representatives from the Cheltenham General Hospital, the Royal Infirmary and the City General Hospital. They are as follows :—

Gloucestershire Royal Infirmary

The Chairman, Admiral Sir Richard Bevan
Mr. W. E. Brown
Alderman H. Cole
Colonel H. A. Guy
Mr. W. Niccol
Miss A. Tidswell

Cheltenham General Hospital

The Chairman, Mr. G. G. Gilmour-White
Dr. S. L. Mucklow
Mr. C. H. Taylor
Mr. S. C. Morris
Mr. S. W. Chamberlain
Miss H. T. Martin

City General Hospital

Alderman S. A. Stoddart
Alderman W. Garrett
Councillor N. V. Green
Dr. C. Cookson

The following addition was made to Rule 6—Sub-Section 8 :—

(8) (*a*) The General Committee shall have power to appoint representatives to serve on a Joint Standing Lay Committee representing the Infirmary in association with other hospitals in the area, and the appointed representatives shall have power to make all joint appointments to serve the hospitals concerned.

This Committee meets at the Cheltenham General Hospital, and the Royal Infirmary alternately, on the first Thursday of every month, when matters affecting the three hospitals are considered and joint appointments to the Medical Staffs are made.

By increasing the co-operation between the hospitals concerned and maintaining the existing good relations, this Committee serves a very useful purpose.

In Memoriam.

It is with deep regret that we have to report the deaths of Mr. C. V. Knight, on the 17th November, 1947, and Mr. H. Benfield, on the 14th January, 1948.

Mr. Knight had been associated with the Infirmary for over 40 years and had served on the General Committee since 1923.

Mr. Benfield had not only been on the General Committee since 1928 but had been Chairman of the Workpeoples' Contributory Committee for more than 10 years.

The Governors wish to record their high appreciation of the invaluable services given to the Infirmary by these gentlemen.

Thanks.

The Committee desires to place on record its high appreciation of the exceptional services rendered to the Infirmary for over 40 years by the Honorary Solicitor, Mr. Trevor Wellington, C.B.E. Mr. Wellington's great interest in the hospital and patients has extended the scope of his work far beyond that of legal advice and the Infirmary owes to his wide experience and understanding more than will ever be recorded.

The Committee desires also to express its warmest thanks to Mr. W. F. M. Hopkins, the Honorary Treasurer, for his valuable help and guidance in financial affairs.

The Royal Infirmary League has continued its work during the year with excellent results and unabated interest. To all those who support and work for the League the Committee tenders its warmest thanks. All members of the League are asked to read the pamphlet issued by the British Hospitals Association entitled "Personal Support for Hospitals in the National Health Service," copies of which can be obtained from the House Governor and Secretary. The Committee earnestly hopes that the League will continue its work, enlarge its scope, and receive the support it deserves.

The Clothing and Needlework Guild, nothwithstanding the difficulty of obtaining supplies, has contributed 272 articles of clothing and linen. The Committee is deeply sensible of the valuable work so generously done and the excellent quality of the workmanship and ventures to hope that it will be continued, for who can doubt that it will be wanted and appreciated as much as ever.

The British Red Cross has continued the customary weekly visit to the wards with a lending library for patients. This kindly work is greatly appreciated and the Committee wishes to express sincere thanks to the Red Cross for their work, which, it is hoped, will continue after the "appointed day."

The Ladies of the W.V.S. have been most kind in superintending the work of a canteen in the waiting room, which is a great convenience to those out-patients who have long to wait. The Committee desires to express its warmest thanks to the W.V.S. for service rendered in this way, for which so many patients will be for ever grateful.

Special thanks are also offered by the Committee to Ministers of Religion for their appeals on behalf of the Infirmary, to those good friends who assist with collecting boxes, to the organisers of church parades and to those who, notwithstanding hard times, have continued to send donations and subscriptions to the Infirmary.

The Committee wishes also to pay a warm tribute and to express its thanks to the newspaper press of Gloucester and the Forest of Dean for dealing with matters of interest and publishing reports.

Workpeople's Hospital Committee

In concluding this report the Committee feels that a last word of thanks should be given to the Workpeople's Hospital Committee (past and present) for the organisation of a magnificient voluntary effort which has resulted in a sum of no less than £478,973, including the League contributions, being handed to the Infirmary. It is difficult to know how the Infirmary could have survived without the help of this contribution, made possible by the loyal support of many devoted workers. Thousands of patients it is felt, would wish the Committee to express once again its warmest appreciation to all those who have made this great example of voluntary effort a complete success.

And finally the Committee desires to express its thanks to the Visiting Staff, the Resident Staff, the Matron and her Staff, the Chaplain and the Administrative Staff for their loyal work and co-operation during the past year. The many changes in administration have brought a heavy burden on the office staff combined with a shortage of available personnel. They have nevertheless carried on with a good spirit which is highly commendable.

STATISTICAL REPORT.

The following is a comparative statement of the number of patients treated in the Infirmary during the past four years.

	1947	1946	1945	1944
Admitted	4,767	4,607	4,384	4,492
Daily average number of beds occupied	198.0	190.3	192.0	206.1
Out-patients	22,723	19,085	20,116	19,193

The number of in-patients has increased by 160, and of out-patients by 3,638. Out-patients included 110 cases received under the Government Emergency Scheme.

The average stay of each in-patient has been 15.1 days—the same as in 1946.

Of the 4,767 in-patients admitted 3,385 were received as emergency cases, or on the recommendation of the Medical Officers from the Out-patient department, 39 through the Venereal Diseases Clinic, 832 under arrangements with the County, City and other Authorities, 32 under the Government Emergency Hospital Scheme, and 479 private patients.

The number of children under ten years of age treated in the wards was 838, and as out-patients 1,515 ; of the latter 198 were eye cases.

The number of out-patient attendances at the several departments was as follows :—

Medical	6,451	X-Ray Department ...	5,386
Surgical	5,741	Casualty	22,712
Ophthalmic	3,291	Orthopaedic	3,721
Ear, Nose and Throat	2,922	Ultra-Violet Ray ...	2,278
Dental...	162	Neurological	816
Orthoptic	1,642	Fracture Clinic ...	4,199
		Total	59,321

The number of patients admitted to the semi-private wards was 345, the daily average number of beds occupied being 14·4 against 14·2 in 1946 ; and to the private rooms 134, the daily average number of beds occupied being 5·1 against 5·2 last year.

In the Ophthalmic department 1,277 out-patients and 310 in-patients were treated and 250 major eye operations were performed. The number of out-patients attendances was 3,291.

In the Physiotherapy Department 30,891 treatments were given, of which 2,842 were massage, 15,512 daily electrical treatments, and 12,537 remedial exercises. During the year remedial exercises were begun in four of the wards and the total number given was 10,084.

The out-patients attendances in the Orthopaedic department were 3,721.

The number of cases treated in the ultra-violet ray department was 220 and 2,278 treatments were given, of which 488 were by mercury vapour lamp and 1,790 by carbon arc lamps.

In the Ear, Nose and Throat department 870 in-patients were admitted and 761 operations were performed. The total number of attendances at the out-patients clinic was 2,922 and 1,959 daily treatments were given.

During the year 162 cases were referred to the dental department by the medical and surgical staff.

In the Pathological laboratory 20,069 specimens were examined, of which 5,483 were for the County and City Authorities, 2,358 for the Ministry of Health, 8,421 for the Infirmary and 3,807 for the Emergency Medical Scheme.

The arrangements for the treatment of patients in the Venereal Diseases Clinic continue to work satisfactorily. An extra clinic has been provided on Tuesday evenings. Comparison figures of patients attending were 447 in 1947, 518 in 1946.

At the Neurological Clinic 365 new out-patients were treated during the year, the total attendances being 634.

At the Plastic Surgery Clinic 31 new out-patients were seen during the year, the total attendances in the department being 50.

In all the operating theatres of the hospital 4053 operations were performed.

In the X-Ray department during the year, the following work was done; Gastro-Intestinal Examinations 797, Renal Examinations 209, Gall Bladder Examinations 126, Chest Examinations 1,522, Orthopaedic and Fractures 4,831, Other examinations 503.—7,745 cases radiographed and 17,957 radiograms taken.

In the X-Ray Therapy department 150 new cases were received and 1,666 treatments were given.

During the year 211 cases were dealt with in the Electro-cardiographic department.

The ordinary expenditure has increased by nearly £15,500 mainly due to the increasing costs under the following headings :— Dressings £928, Domestic Expenses £1,495, Drugs and Chemicals £1,314, Instruments £1,952, Salaries and Wages £8,297.

Although there has been this very considerable increase in the expenditure, the figures do not in themselves present a complete picture of the hospital's activities. It must be borne in mind that the cost of services cannot be judged unless the standard of such services is also known. Comparing the expenditure of the Royal Infirmary with other provincial hospitals of comparable size, it will be found that the figures are not out of proportion.

Payments to other hospitals for the treatment of contributors and their dependents show a decrease of £446.

The ordinary income shows an increase of £15,175, mainly due to the Ministry of Health State Grant on Nursing Salaries, £7,167 being grants for the years 1944, 1945 and 1946, and payment on account for the years 1947 and 1948, £3,209 from local Authorities for the treatment of school children and an increase of £2,115 from other hospitals in respect of treatment rendered to their contributors.

Annual subscriptions amounted to £1,839 being a decrease of £47 compared with the previous year. The Committee would draw the attention of subscribers and others to the great benefit to be derived by the Infirmary from the recovery of Income Tax on covenanted subscriptions, and it takes this opportunity of pointing out that contributions may be earmarked to the Gloucestershire Royal Infirmary and Eye Institution, notwithstanding the introduction of the National Health Act and the pooling of the finances of all hospitals.

It is hoped that our many subscribers will continue to help us. All that is required to enable donors to spread their subscription over a period of seven years is the completion of the form of covenant inserted in this report.

Workpeople's contributions have increased by £809 this year, £30,132 9s. 5d. having been received against £29,323 11s. 5d. in the previous year.

The sum of £3,192 18s. 11d. has been received from the Royal Infirmary League, and is an increase of £365 3s. 1d. compared with the previous year.

Donations show an increase of £186, as compared with the amount received in 1946.

The Committee tenders its grateful thanks to all the many donors and to the organisers of all social functions which were held in aid of the funds of the Infirmary.

Proceeds of collecting boxes realised £198 this year. The Committee, while tendering its thanks to the members of the public who have made themselves responsible for these collections, will be very glad to hear of " would be " helpers willing to take collecting boxes to assist the Infirmary. Notwithstanding the pending changes in administration, there is still room for individual collections to be earmarked for the Infirmary so that the local Management Committee will have a fund at its disposal to " augment the service " covered by the New Act.

Collections from places of worship amounted to £647 as against £636 in 1946. The Committee is very grateful for this continued support.

Payments received in respect of motor accidents coming within the provisions of the Road Traffic Acts amounted to £397 as against £318 in 1946.

The Committee acknowledges with gratitude the following legacies during the year 1947 :—

ENDOWMENT FUND

	£	s.	d.
Colborne, A. J. ...	5,000	0	0
Albright, G. S. ...	1,455	0	0
Townsend, Mrs. F. S. ...	1,049	5	7
Teague, Miss J. ...	500	0	0
Gibb, Mrs. F. A. ...	450	0	0
Holmes, Miss E.... ...	300	0	0
Vines, George	250	0	0
Powell, Mrs. T.	116	17	6
Bannister, W. J. ...	100	0	0
Flaye, Mrs. J.	50	0	0
Giddings, J. G.	50	0	0
Spencer, D.	25	0	0
Ellis, Mrs. F. R.	20	0	0
Chappell, R. R.	15	0	0
Mawson, J.	10	0	0
	£9,391	3	1

R. BEVAN,
Chairman.

C. J. ADAMS,
House Governor and Secretary.

MATRON'S REPORT

The average number of staff throughout the year has been 120 as compared with 109 for the corresponding period in 1946.

The Preliminary Training School has progressed well, 31 nurses having passed through it in the first year ; only three of these nurses failed to continue their training.

In the State Examinations 24 candidates entered for the Final Examination—19 were successful at the first attempt. There have been 23 entrants for the Preliminary Examination. Seventeen Nurses have gained the Hospital Certificate.

The Nurses Prizegiving was held on Friday, December 5th 1947 and Miss E. Cockayne, Matron of the Royal Free Hospital, London, presented the Certificates and Awards.

At the beginning of November last, a modification of the Block system of training was started by the introduction of a Weekly Study Day for all nurses. The first Block was completed satisfactorily, and the second one is now proceeding. Nurses themselves like this, and the Ward Sisters have found it quite helpful from an administrative angle.

During the year, work has been proceeding with the installation of additional wash basins, and of Radiators, in the Nurses Home. This work is now practically complete, and will make a very great difference to the comfort of the Nursing Staff ; which they deeply appreciate.

A Portable Radiogram and also a small wireless set have been purchased for the Nurses' Home Sitting rooms, the money for these being produced by the combined efforts of the Nursing Staff.

E. FENSOME

Matron

REPORT OF ROYAL INFIRMARY LEAGUE FOR 1947

Chairman	- -	Lady Darell.
Vice-Chairman	-	Miss Tidswell.
Committee	- -	Mrs. Adams, Mrs. Blow, Miss Boyd, Mrs. Calvert, Mrs. Cridlan, Miss Gibbs, Mrs. Gilmore, Major Hague, Mrs. H. Jones, Mrs. Parbury, Mrs. Portland, Mrs. Steel, Mrs. Strickland, Mrs. West, Mrs. Williams, Mrs. Workman.
Hon. Treasurer	-	Mr. J. H. Browne.
Hon. Secretary	-	Miss Meath-Baker.

The Annual General Meeting was held on 28th January, 1948, attended by many Presidents and collectors. The reports for the year were read which the Chairman felt were most satisfactory. Contributions received to date amounted to £3,250, and subscriptions to £78. The Committee authorised £1,750 to be transferred to the general account of the Infirmary. The balance in the Needlework Guild account was the satisfactory sum of £385 13s. 6d. and it was decided that nearly all this should be spent on wools and materials immediately, in view of the impending nationalisation. Silver Paper collections would now increase greatly, as the boy scouts of the county had undertaken to help. The balance of £68 had been spent on purchasing 80 trays for the women's wards.

Admiral Sir Richard Bevan spoke about the future of the Infirmary, explaining that all money held would be pooled and used by the Government to provide all hospitals with necessary equipment. Comforts would have to be provided voluntarily, so Admiral Bevan hoped the League would realize how important it was to continue collecting money for this purpose. He felt fairly sure this particular fund would not be pooled.

The Committee was given an excellent tea by Matron.

L. MEATH-BAKER
Honorary Secretary

ALMONER'S REPORT

A personal survey of the year's work in the Almoner's Department must necessarily be limited to the last month of the year for my predecessor, Miss S. D. Yates, left the Hospital to take up her appointment as Head Almoner of Addenbrookes Hospital, Cambridge on 18 July, 1947.

During 1947 there has been a natural development in the work of the department in that the administrative duties, such as the supervision of the appointments and registration systems, have been removed from the province of the Almoner and have become the responsibility of an independant unit. The Almoner is now free to extend the scope of medico-social work within the hospital, in a department already well established through the efforts of Miss Yates.

In former years the full value of the medico-social workers was not realised since their energies were diverted by the subsidiary duties of financial assessment. The National Health Service will allow a return to the primary function of an Almoner which change the Hospital has already anticipated. In its fullest sense medico-social work aims at assisting the doctor and the patient in the discovery of social ills relevant to the diagnosis of disease. This contribution enables a cure to be more sure and permanent by the removal or alteration of the social causes of disease.

The tendency of current legislation is to cushion the individual and it is often necessary to stimulate independance in the patient to defeat the devitalising effect of illness, and to restore confidence as convalescence restores a patient physically. Serious illness may mean a process of readaptation for the patient and occasionally a change of employment is recommended by the physician or surgeon. Much can be done while the patient is still in hospital in helping

him/her to plan his/her future with constructive action as well as advice, leading to the establishment of a new and satisfying way of life. The patient is thus enabled to visualise security for himself/herself and family as retraining or rehabilitation can be undertaken at one of the schools of the Ministry of Labour.

Sometimes the death of a wage earner may mean severe deprivation for his dependents, as was the case of Mrs. M. whose husband died two years ago. Since his death the widow has used her savings to support her three children, all of school age. Mrs. M. is unable to work because of chronic arthiritis and to give her freedom from pain the surgeon recommended that a belt should be worn. The lady was most perturbed that she could not afford the belt for her savings were exhausted and the children's needs were paramount. Through the Assistance Board Mrs. M. is now receiving a pension with adequate supplementation, and is able to live, though not in comfort, at least free from anxiety. The Social Welfare Department generously made a grant to cover the cost of the belt.

Health usually is permanently endangered by poor housing conditions. Bill came to the Infirmary in his eleventh year suffering, for the second time in his short life from a serious illness, mainly attributable to bad living accommodation. The long term plan is to work with his parents and the Public Health Authorities to improve and repair the home and so perhaps prevent a recurrence of his illness on his return. In the meantime his recovery is completed by a long period of convalescence at the seaside while the necessary improvements are effected.

Through the help of such agencies as the Public Health Departments of both City and County an Almoner can do a great deal for the patients. My thanks are due to them, as to the other statutory bodies, notably, the Assistance Board, the Social Welfare Departments, the Ministry of Labour and the Ministry of Pensions. Also to the voluntary agencies whose work we will need so much in the future to humanise the statutory provisions against social distress. Among these are the British Red Cross with their food parcels to help the sick and infirm, and the Car Service which enables

so many patients to attend for treatment. The British Legion and the Royal Air Force Benevolent Fund and the Women's Voluntary Service who assist with clothing. Also the members of the Women's Institute who organise the canteen service.

Lastly my sincere thanks to Miss Pearson whose help during the transition period has been invaluable, and to the staff who have made me welcome and given me their co-operation.

M. MONCASTER

Almoner

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR

Income

1946 £		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
	ORDINARY :—			
	I.—Voluntary Gifts.			
	Annual Subscriptions :—			
1880	Infirmary	1833 4 5		
6	Eye Institution	6 6 0		
			1839 10 5	
1554	Donations		1740 7 5	
174	Boxes		198 7 3	
636	Collections from Places of Worship		647 13 4	
	Royal Infirmary League :—			
142	Ordinary Collections		78 2 2	
25917	Transfer from Contributory Scheme Account, page 37 (Total Collection £33,325)		27536 17 10	
712	Entertainments		405 1 3	
250	The League of Mercy		500 0 0	
				32945 19 8
31271				
	II.—Receipts on account of services rendered.			
	1. Contributions on Account of Services to Patients :—			
	(*a*) From Patients and their Societies :—			
1275	Patients	1781 17 9		
2852	,, Semi-Private Wards ...	3883 7 7		
2529	,, Private Rooms	2737 19 6		
123	,, Paying Out Patients ...	392 13 8		
3484	Hospital Contributory Associations	5599 1 1		
8	Approved Societies	2 2 10		
318	Road Traffic Act	396 12 4		
64	Other Sources	77 16 6		
	(*b*) From Public Authorities, &c. :—			
962	Public Authorities	4170 18 1		
	Ministry of Health. Pathological			
251	Examinations	122 11 5		
	Ministry of Pensions	111 2 6		
	State Grant—Nursing Salaries ...	7166 12 8		
			26442 15 11	
11866				
	Carried forward...		26442 15 11	32945 19 8

THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1947

Expenditure

1946 £		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
	ORDINARY :—		
	I.—Provisions		
1696	Meat	1536 19 5	
1346	Fish and Poultry	1488 13 8	
752	Butter, Bacon, Cheese, etc.	680 7 11	
240	Eggs	364 4 9	
1792	Milk	2029 1 3	
718	Bread, Flour, etc.	980 18 0	
1770	Groceries	1836 17 5	
2002	Vegetables and Fruit	2896 14 6	
168	Ale and Stout	236 18 6	
99	Aerated Waters	156 7 11	
10583			12207 3 4
	II.—Surgery and Dispensary		
2788	Drugs, Chemicals, etc.	4101 1 3	
1276	Dressings, Bandages, etc.	2205 1 8	
2854	Instruments and Appliances	4806 13 6	
16	Wines and Spirits	38 14 3	
1061	Salaries (Dispensary Staff)	1295 15 1	
381	Sundries	407 18 1	
8376			12855 3 10
	III.—Domestic		
2287	Renewal and Repair of Furniture, Bedding Crockery, etc.	2729 15 5	
2916	Laundry	3372 6 11	
362	Cleaning and Chandlery	384 14 0	
353	Water	425 15 10	
	Fuel and Lighting :—		
3347	Coal and Coke	3561 0 7	
792	Gas	753 10 4	
976	Electric Current, etc.	892 16 11	
9	Oil and Wood	16 9 8	
429	Uniforms	768 6 2	
116	Sundries	178 15 2	
11586			13083 1 0
	Carried forward		38145 8 2

1946 £		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
11866	Brought forward	26442 15 11	32945 19 8
—	(c) Government Emergency Hospital Scheme	—	
—	2. Pupils' Fees	105 0 0	
1002	3. Other Receipts	889 2 9	27436 18 8
12868			
	III.—Invested Property		
3809	Dividends, Interest, Etc. :—	2801 14 4	
134	Rents	108 8 3	
218	Income Tax Returned	182 14 2	3092 16 9
4161			
48300	**Total Ordinary Income**		63475 15 1

Carried forward 63475 15 1

1946 £		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
	Brought forward		38145 8 2
	IV.—Salaries and Wages		
5333	Medical	6566 17 11	
14539	Nursing	17428 13 10	
	Other Officers and Employees :—		
8183	(i) Domestic	9672 15 1	
3839	(ii) Mechanics and Porters	4589 13 8	
1631	(iii) Other Officers	3514 15 3	
191	Pensions	240 3 8	
33716			42012 19 5
	V.—Miscellaneous		
1229	Printing, Stationery, Postage, Telephones, etc. ...	1318 0 2	
346	Advertisements	619 12 6	
229	Insurances	245 19 7	
727	Garden	610 6 6	
393	Sundries	501 15 10	
2924			3295 14 7
	VI.—Administration		
2330	Salaries	3019 4 2	
—	Pensions	—	
501	Printing, Stationery, Postage, Telephone, etc. ...	553 15 4	
63	Advertisements	34 14 3	
4	Law charges	—	
26	Auditors' fees	26 5 0	
203	Sundries	140 6 6	
3127			3774 5 3
	VII.—Establishment		
4081	Renewals and Repairs to Building and Plant		2497 4 7
	Carried forward		£89725 12 0

1946 £	£ s. d.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
		Brought forward ...		63475 15 1

EXTRAORDINARY INCOME :—

—	Proceeds of Sale of £1,282 3s. 11d. 3½% War Stock	1354 19 4		
—	do. £482 10s.0d. do.	509 16 10		
—	do. £4,953 17s. 9d. 3½% Conversion Stock ...	5377 13 4		
—	do. £1,315 15s. 10d. do.	1428 6 2		
—	do. £6296 6s. 2d. do.	6835 0 7		
—	do. £151 4s. 7d. 3½% War Stock	159 15 7		
			15665 11 10	
	Transferred from Capital Account :—			
551	Debit balance on Semi-Private Wards		375 9 9	
	Balance being excess of total Expenditure over total Income for the year		14366 7 7	
			£93883 4 3	

DEFICIT

	£ s. d.
Cash in hand, January 1st, 1947	11 5 9
Balance due to Bank, December 31st, 1947	24013 3 5
	£24024 9 2

NURSES'

	£ s. d.
Balance, January 1st, 1947	8 10 10
Dividend on £56 18s. 2d. 4% Consolidated Stock (Yeats Memorial)...	2 5 6
,, £45 19s. 5d. ,, ,, (Jones Memorial)...	1 16 8
Donations	2 2 0
	£14 15 0

		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
1946	Brought forward				89725	12	0
£	**VIII.—Finance**						
26	Interest (General Account)	83	2	0			
—	Interest (Capital Account)		—				
686	Appeals	612	15	8			
413	Rates and Taxes	456	3	0			
1125					1152	0	8
75521	**Total Ordinary Expenditure**				90877	12	8

EXTRAORDINARY EXPENDITURE :—

—	Installation of New Heating System in Nurses' Home—on account	500	0	0			
—	Installation of New X-ray Therapy Apparatus—on account...	66	2	8			
—	Preliminary Training School—Current expenses	1978	3	3			
					2544	5	11
	Transferred to Capital Account :—						
617	Balance of Private Ward Fees				461	5	8
					£93883	4	3

ACCOUNT.

	£	s.	d.
Balance due to Bank, January 1st, 1947	9628	16	5
Excess of Expenditure over Income	14366	7	7
Cash in hand, December 31st, 1947	29	5	2
	£24024	9	2

PRIZE FUND.

	£	s.	d.
Prizes for Nurses	10	18	0
Balance—Lloyds Bank Ltd.	3	17	0
	£14	15	0

STUDENT NURSES

	£	s.	d.
Balance at Bank January 1st, 1947	159	4	10
Donations	6	3	0
Dividend on £300 2½% National War Bonds	7	10	0
	£172	17	10

GOVERNMENT EMERGENCY HOSPITAL

	£	s.	d.
Balance January 1st, 1947	6169	17	6
Interim payments towards cost of Casualty Service	250	3	6
	£6420	1	0

CAPITAL

Receipts

	£	s.	d.
Balance at Bank, January 1st, 1947	3655	11	5
Gloucester Aircraft Co. Ltd.—Donation	100	0	0
Bon Marche (Gloucester) Ltd.— ,, ...	689	18	7
Transferred from Endowment Fund Account	6000	0	0
,, ,, Income and Expenditure Account :— Balance of Private Ward Fees, page 35 ...	461	5	8
	£10906	15	8

GOSCOMB

	£	s.	d.
Income to December 31st, 1947	£105	6	5

THE OSBORNE FUND FOR THE

	£	s.	d.
Balance, January 1st, 1947 :—Lloyds Bank Ltd.	33	13	10
Dividend on £1797 6s. 7d. 3½% War Stock	62	18	0
Transferred from General Account	25	10	4
	£122	2	2

CONTRIBUTORY SCHEME

1946 £		£	s.	d.
29323	Workpeople's Contributions	30132	9	5
2828	Royal Infirmary League :— Contributory Scheme	3192	18	11
		£33325	8	4

EDUCATIONAL FUND.

	£	s.	d.
Purchase of Text Books for Nurses Library	17	4	6
Balance at Bank December 31st, 1947	155	13	4
	£172	17	10

SCHEME SUSPENSE ACCOUNT.

	£	s.	d.
Transferred to Medical Staff Fund	46	3	6
Balance at Bank, December 31st, 1947	6373	17	6
	£6420	1	0

ACCOUNT.

Payments

	£	s.	d.
Purchase of 44 London Road, Preliminary Training School	6296	12	4
Purchase of Furniture Fittings, etc., Preliminary Training School ...	1172	3	1
Transferred to Income and Expenditure Account :—			
Debit Balance in Semi-Private Wards, page	375	9	9
Balance at Bank, December 31st, 1947	3062	10	6
	£10906	15	8

TRUST ACCOUNT.

Paid to beneficiary under Will	£105	6	5

PERMANENT ENDOWMENT OF THE CHAPLAIN.

	£	s.	d.
Chaplain's Stipend	88	8	4
Balance—Lloyds Bank Ltd.	33	13	10
	£122	2	2

ACCOUNT.

1946 £		£	s.	d.
6234	Payments for Contributors treated at other Hospitals ...	5788	10	6
25917	Balance—Transferred to Income and Expenditure Account— page 26	27536	17	10
		£33325	8	4

SAMARITAN

Receipts

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Balance, January 1st, 1947 :—						
Lloyds Bank	410	12	5			
Cash in hand	5	0	0			
				415	12	5
Dividend on £1080 0s. 0d. 3½% War Stock	...		...	37	16	0
,, ,, £100 0s. 0d. 3% Savings Bonds 1960-70	...		...	3	0	0
Donations	...		...	34	9	0
Collecting Box	...		...	9	2	8
Patients' Fares...	...		...	119	13	5
Convalescent Treatment	...		...	87	16	3
Interest on Deposit Account	...		...	1	18	11
				£709	8	8

ENDOWMENT

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Legacies received during the year :—						
Colborne, A. J., Westlecot Road, Swindon	5000	0	0			
Albright, G. S., Broomesberrow Place, Ledbury ...	1455	0	0			
Townsend, Mrs. F. S., 6 Broadwell Terrace, Dursley ...	1049	5	7			
Teague, Miss J., Abinghall House, Mitcheldean	500	0	0			
Gibb, Mrs. F. A., 22 Tisbury Road, Hove...	450	0	0			
Holmes, Miss E., 8 St. Giles Avenue, Lincoln	300	0	0			
Vines, George, Marsh House, Leonard Stanley	250	0	0			
Powell, Mrs. T., The Reddings, Cheltenham	116	17	6			
Bannister, W. J., Ruardean, Woodside	100	0	0			
Flaye, Mrs. J., 31 Curtis Street, Swindon...	50	0	0			
Giddings, J. G., Westbury-on-Severn	50	0	0			
Spencer, D., 28, Elmore, Gloucester	25	0	0			
Ellis, Mrs. F. R., 161 Seymour Road, Gloucester ...	20	0	0			
Chappell, R. R., 51 St. Paul's Road, Gloucester	15	0	0			
Mawson, J., 47 Worcester Street, Gloucester	10	0	0			
				9391	3	1
Balance at Bank, January 1st, 1947				6692	3	9
				£16083	6	10

R. BEVAN
H. HAGUE
LIONEL E. DARELL
R. E. WILLIAMS
J. H. PERCIVAL
G. TREVOR WELLINGTON
W. WASHBOURN

Members of the Finance Committee.

W. F. M. HOPKINS, *Hon. Treasurer*

FUND.

Payments

	£	s	d.	£	s.	d.
Patients' Fares	...		...	161	12	2
Payment towards Convalescent Treatment	...		...	119	7	2
Instruments	...		...	4	13	0
Balance—Lloyds Bank Ltd.	417	13	3			
Cash in hand	6	3	1			
				423	16	4
				£709	8	8

FUND ACCOUNT.

	£	s.	d.
Transferred to Capital Account	6000	0	0
Balance at Bank, December 31st, 1947	10083	6	10
	£16083	6	10

We have examined the foregoing Accounts of Income and Expenditure with the Books and Vouchers relating thereto, and certify the same to be correct. We have also inspected the scrip and documents relating to the Investments of the Institution.

DUART-SMITH, BAKER & PRICE,
Accountants.

Albion House,
King Street,
Gloucester.

15th March, 1948.

SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS

as at 31st December, 1947

Amount of Stock etc. £	s.	d.	Description	Book Value £	s.	d.
877	3	9	3½% War Stock (Holford's Trust)	877	3	9
338	4	4	,, ,, (Musgrave's Trust)	338	4	4
354	8	4	,, ,, (Price's Trust) ...	354	8	4
350	17	6	,, ,, (Ducie Fund) ...	350	17	6
518	19	2	4% Funding Stock (Elsom Memorial)	518	19	2
11341	1	8	3½% War Stock (Long's Trust) ...	11341	1	8
96	12	1	,, ,, (Miss Workman's Gift)	96	12	1
1937	8	8	3½% War Stock (Eyre Fund)	1937	8	8
659	0	0	4% G.W.Ry. Deb. Stock (Eyre Fund)	659	0	0
2035	13	2	4% Consolidated Stock (Eyre Fund)	2035	13	2
2050	0	0	3% Savings Bonds 1955-65 ... (Long's Trust)	2050	0	0
7590	4	2	3% Savings Bonds 1955-65 ...	7590	4	2
1000	0	0	,, ,, "B" 1960-70	1000	0	0
1024	5	11	,, ,, ... (Russell's Trust)	1024	5	11
405	11	9	,, ,, ... (Druid's Bed Fund)	405	11	9
2347	7	7	,, ,, (Sterry's Bequest)	2347	7	7
20000	0	0	2½% National War Bonds 1952-54	20000	0	0
20000	0	0	3% Savings Bonds 1960-70 ...	20000	0	0
1000	0	0	,, ,, ,, ... (Dorrington's Legacy)	1000	0	0
74	1	6	4% Consolidated Stock ... ... (Barnett's Trust)	74	1	6
5352	0	0	3% London Transport Stock 1967-72	5352	0	0
130	0	0	,, ,, ,, ,,	130	0	0
850	0	0	3% Defence Bonds	850	0	0
430	0	0	Mortgage on Freehold Property at Coleford (Worgan's Legacy) ...	430	0	0
4991	5	0	East India Railway Co. Annuity Class "C"	4991	5	0
993	2	2	3½% Conversion Stock ... ... (Habgood Legacy)	993	2	2
660	10	6	3½% War Stock ditto.	660	10	6

LAUNDRY ACCOUNT

For the Year ended 31st December, 1947.

Total number of pieces washed on Hospital premises	414,292
Average number of pieces washed weekly on Hospital premises ...	7,967
Cost of laundry per occupied bed per week	7·4s.
Cost of laundry work done on Hospital premises, per piece	2·2d.

Expenditure in connection with Hospital Laundry.

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Wages, &c.		2,311 19 0
Materials and Sundries		224 17 4
Fuel, &c. :—		
Coal	497 5 4	
Electricity	26 17 4	
Gas	81 5 11	
Water	82 19 2	
		688 7 9
Renewals and repairs to machinery, plant and buildings and Engine Room expenses		133 4 8
Insurance of machinery, plant and buildings		6 3 0
Rent and Rates :—		
Interest on Capital Expenditure	334 18 10	
Rates	66 0 0	
		400 18 10
Depreciation :—		
Buildings 1½%	50 4 5	
Machinery and Boilers 7½%	15 1 6	
		65 5 11
Total cost of Hospital's Laundry work		£3,830 16 6

ORTHOPTIST'S REPORT

Ten months ago the new department for the treatment and investigation of squints and some eye muscle defects was opened.

After the first few months the number of patients began to increase steadily. In April, 77 attendances were made ; in November 271. The total attendance for the ten months was 1,642. During that period, 167 new patients were dealt with ; 112 are attending for treatment or are under observation awaiting treatment. The majority are Gloucester City and County School Children. Three children come from Herefordshire, and one from Monmouthshire. Three adults recently began attending for treatment.

18 patients have been cured or greatly improved. This may not seem many, but it has to be borne in mind that, to be classified as a successful result of Orthoptic training, the patient must have not only straight eyes, but a relatively high grade of binocular vision. Also, some time must elapse before a " cure " can be claimed.

In addition to the squints and muscle defects, several cases with lazy vision alone are being treated.

One patient had a large squint with and without her glasses. After an operation her eyes were quite straight in her glasses, but there was still a marked squint without them. After several weeks of treatment she had, and still has, no sign of a squint without her glasses, both eyes are functioning normally together, and the vision of the weaker eye has improved.

Another patient with a marked squint which glasses held straight has been taught to hold his eyes straight without them. He is rarely seen to squint now, and can remove his glasses for special occasions.

There are a number of patients who cannot be helped by training, but the percentage seen is considerably lower now than during the first few weeks.

It has been interesting to start a new department, especially in a comparatively recent branch of treatment. The Orthoptist is grateful for the help and encouragement which she has received during the first difficult months.

M. F. FERGUSON

Orthoptist

SUMMARY OF THE PATIENTS FOR 1947

IN-PATIENTS.

Remaining in Hospital 1st January, 1947		179
Admitted during the year :—		
Accidents and Emergencies	3,385	
Venereal Clinic	39	
Patients received through Gloucestershire County Council and Gloucester Corporation and other Authorities	832	
Government Emergency Hospital Scheme	32	
Paying Patients	479	
	——	4,767
Total		4,946

OUT-PATIENTS.

On the books 1st January, 1947		2,626
Treated during the year :—		
By Recommendation	7,870	
Accidents and Emergencies	10,941	
Venereal Clinic	447	
Dental Cases (Dental Dept. 162, Casualty Dept. —)	162	
Eye Cases (Ordinary Hospital Patients)	1,277	
County Medical Extension Scheme (including 154 Eye Cases)...	825	
City School Medical Service (including 74 Eye Cases)	707	
Government Emergency Hospital Scheme (including 6. Eye Cases and 24 Neurological Cases)	110	
Neurological Clinic (Ordinary Hospital Patients)	341	
Paying Out-Patients	43	
	——	22,743
Total		25,349
Discharged well or relieved		22,195
Remaining on the books		3,154
		25,349

STATISTICAL TABLES.

IN-PATIENTS

1947

1.	Average number of beds occupied	198·0
2.	Number of patients at beginning of period	179
3.	Number of patients admitted	4767
4.	Number of patients in Hospital at end of period	174
5.	Average number of days resident	15·1

Expenditure on In-Patients and Average Cost of each In-Patient Treated to a Conclusion.

	Expenditure on In-patients	Average cost of each In-patient	Average cost per week
	£	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1. Provisions	11502	2 8 2½	1 2 4½
2. Surgery and Dispensary ...	7371	1 10 10¾	0 14 3¾
3. Domestic	12182	2 11 0¾	1 3 8
4. Salaries and Wages ...	31754	6 13 1	3 1 8¼
5. Miscellaneous ...	2736	0 11 5½	0 5 3¾
6. Administration ...	3029	0 12 8¼	0 5 10½
Statistical Cost ...	68,574	14 7 4¾	6 13 2¾
7. Establishment Renewals and Repairs ...	2071	0 8 8¼	0 4 0¼
8. Finance	945	0 3 11½	0 1 10
Total Cost ...	71,590	15 0 0½	6 19 1

STATISTICAL TABLES—*continued.*

OUT-PATIENTS

1947

1. Total number of new Out-Patients 22,723

2. Total number of Out-Patient attendances 59,321

Expenditure on Out-Patients and Average Cost of each Out-Patient and Out-Patient Attendance.

	Expenditure on Out-patients	Average cost of each Out-patient	Average cost per attendance
	£	d.	d.
1. Provisions	705	7·4	2·8
2. Surgery and Dispensary ...	5484	57·9	22·2
3. Domestic	901	9.5	3·6
4. Salaries and Wages ...	10,259	108·4	41·5
5. Miscellaneous ...	560	5·9	2·3
6. Administration ...	745	7·9	3·0
Statistical Cost ...	18,654	197·0	75·4
7. Establishment Renewals and Repairs ...	426	4·5	1·7
8. Finance	207	2·2	0·9
	19,287	203·7	78·0

DAYS AND TIMES OF ATTENDANCE OF VISITING PHYSICIANS AND SURGEONS

DEPARTMENT	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Medical Dr. H. CAIRNS TERRY, M.B. Ch.B.		**2 p.m.** Paediatric Clinic	**11 a.m.** By Appointment	**10 a.m.** Sunlight Clinic		
Dr. R. F. JARRETT, M.A., M.R.C.P., M.B., B.Ch., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.	**9-30 a.m.** By Appointment			**9-30 a.m.** By Appointment	Congenital Heart Clinic, 3rd Friday Monthly **9-30 a.m.**	
Surgical and Radium Mr. W. J. WILKIN, M.A., F.R.C.S., M.B., Ch.B. (Camb.), M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.	**10 a.m.** By Appointment			**10 a.m.** By Appointment		
Surgical and Urological Mr. P. M. BIRKS, F.R.C.S., M.B., B.S.		**2 p.m.** By Appointment			**2 p.m.** By Appointment	
Ophthalmic Mr. J. D. J. FREEMAN, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.O.M.S.			**2 p.m.** By Appointment			**10-0 a.m.** By Appointment
Mr. G. N. PATTISON, M.B., B.S., D.O., D.O.M.S.			**2 p.m.** By Appointment			**10-0 a.m.** By Appointment
Orthopaedic Mr. J. F. H. STALLMAN, M.B., B.S., L.R.C.P., F.R.C.S.		**2 p.m.** By Appointment	**9-30 a.m.** Fractures only			
Assistant Surgeon : Mr. L. HENRY, M.D., F.R.C.S.			**9-30 a.m.** Fractures only		**2 p.m.** By Appointment	

Gynaecological Mr. H. A. HAMILTON, M.A., M.R.C.O.G., M.B., B.Ch.		**10 a.m.** By Appointment	**2 p.m.** Follow-up clinic (House Surgeon)		**10 a.m.** By Appointment	
Ear, Nose and Throat Mr. C. de W. GIBB, F.R.C.S., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.	**2 p.m.** onwards By Appointment			**2 p.m.** onwards By Appointment		
Mr. H. MOWER, D.L.O.	**2 p.m.** onwards By Appointment			**2 p.m.** onwards By Appointment		
Skin Dr. DAVID ERSKINE M.D., D.P.H.	**2-0 p.m.** By Appointment					
Psychiatric Dr. F. C. LOGAN, M.B., Ch.B., F.R.F.P.S.					**2-30 p.m.** By Appointment	
Clinical Pathology Dr. E. N. DAVEY, M.B., Ch.B., B.A.O.		**10-30 a.m.** By Appointment				

NOTE :—Mr. EMLYN LEWIS, Plastic Surgeon, attends on the first Saturday of every month at 9-0 a.m.
A Radiotherapy Clinic is held on alternate Wednesdays at 2 p.m.

APPOINTMENTS OFFICER : TELEPHONE GLOUCESTER 20067.

All Patients must bring a letter from their own Doctor on the first visit, and a Subscriber's recommendation or Contributory Scheme Voucher.

Out-patients, in their own interests, should attend for registration at least fifteen minutes before the time of appointment.

VENEREAL DISEASES CLINIC

Females—Mondays at 11 a.m. and Tuesdays and Fridays at 5-30 p.m.
Males— ,, ,, 12 noon ,, ,, ,, ,, ,, 6 p.m.

THE CLOTHING & NEEDLEWORK GUILD

OF THE

GLOUCESTERSHIRE ROYAL INFIRMARY LEAGUE

TWENTIETH ANNUAL REPORT 1947

DURING the year 1947 subscriptions and donations amounted to £134 1s. 10d. Garments received amounted to 272.

At a Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, January 28th, 1948, it was decided that the sum of £134 1s. 10d. should be given to Matron, as needed for the purchase of Material, Linen, etc., for the Hospital. The garments made for the year were on view and were much admired by those present at the Meeting. The President, Lady Darell was in the Chair.

Admiral Sir Richard Bevan, K.B.E., C.B., D.S.O., M.V.O., gave a very interesting talk on The Future of Hospitals. The Clothing and Needlework Guild of The Gloucestershire Royal Infirmary are continuing their work after the Hospital has been taken over by the Government and it is hoped that all subscribers will continue, as in the past, to support the Guild.

Matron and her Staff very kindly provided an excellent tea.

Grateful thanks are due to Mr. Browne, Hon. Treasurer, and Mr. D. Jones, Auditor, and also to Matron and Assistant Matron, and the Staff for their very kind help.

ENID PARBURY,
Hon. Secretary.

Ferney Hill,
Dursley,
Glos.
January, 1948.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT for Year ended 31st December, 1947.

INCOME.

	£	s.	d.
By Balance Forward ...	263	7	4
,, Subscriptions & Donations	134	1	10
	£397	9	2

EXPENDITURE.

	£	s.	d.
To Materials	11	15	8
,, Balance in hand ...	385	13	6
	£397	9	2

Examined and found correct,
D. JONES
Auditor.

20th January, 1948.

J. H. BROWNE,
Hon. Treasurer.

AN EXTRACT FROM THE RULES

Qualification of Governor.

The qualification for a Governor is an Annual Subscription of not less than two Guineas, or a Donation at one time of not less than Forty Pounds ; which last shall constitute such donor a Governor for life. An annual subscription of not less than Three Gunieas shall enable any Parish, Corporate Body, Trustees of any Charitable Institution or Trust, Friendly or other Society, Public Company, or any Firm of Partners in Trade, Club, or persons clubbing together for the purpose, to register the name of an individual, one of their own body, as a Governor of the Institution, and such individual shall be entitled to all the privileges of a Governor.

Quarterly and Annual Meetings.

Quarterly General Meetings of the Governors will be held at the Infirmary on the last Thursday in the months of March June, September and December (Thursday not being Christmas day, when it will be held on the day before).

The Quarterly General Meeting in March shall be the Annual General Meeting of Governors.

Visiting Governors.

Three Governors are appointed quarterly, to act as Visitors.

Annual Subscriptions.

All Annual Subscriptions are due in advance, on the 1st day of January, and Subscribers are requested to pay them to the Treasurer, or to such person as he may direct, on that day, or as soon after as may be.

A subscription paid by a *New Subscriber* during any year will be considered a subscription for that year, commencing on the 1st day of January. Every Subscriber will be considered as continuing his subscription, until he shall have given a written notice to the Treasurer or Secretary of his intention to withdraw the same.

No Subscriber can recommend a Patient until his subscription for the current year shall have been paid.

Individual Subscribers may recommend for the current year Patients, who are unable to pay for the treatment required, according to the following scale, viz. :—

For	£0	10	6	per Annum ...	...	2 Out-patients
,,	1	1	0	,, ...	...	4 Out-patients
,,	1	11	6	,, ...	...	6 Out-patients
,,	2	2	0	,, ...	...	8 Out-patients

and so in proportion, being 2 Out-patients for every 10s. 6d. and 8 Out-patients for every £2 2s. 0d.

Parishes, Corporate Bodies, Trustees of any Charitable Institution, or Trust, Friendly or other Societies, Public Companies or Firms of Partners in Trade, Clubs or persons clubbing together for the purpose, subscribing a minimum of £3 3s. 0d. annually, shall be entitled to recommend :—

For each	£3	3	0	per Annum	...	6 Out-patients
,, ,,	4	4	0	,,	...	8 Out-patients

and so in proportion, being 6 Out-patients for every £3 3s. 0d., and 8 Out-patients for every £4 4s. 0d.

Each Donation of Forty Pounds is equivalent to an Annual subscription of Two Guineas for the life of the donor, and each additional donation of Twenty Pounds to a further Annual Subscription of One Guinea for such life.

In the case of Corporate Bodies a donation of One Hundred Pounds shall carry in perpetuity ten out-patient letters of recommendation and every further Twenty Pounds two out-patient letters of recommendation.

Collections in Churches and Chapels.

Every Minister of Religion who shall collect in a place of Worship, for the benefit of the Institution, the sum of Five Pounds or upwards, shall be entitled to recommend, during a period of twelve months after such collection, one In-patient and five Out-patients for each Five Pounds so collected.

Stay of Out-Patients.

No Out-patient shall be treated for a longer period than eight successive weeks under any one recommendation of a Subscriber, provided that in the case of an Out-patient who attends periodically for inspection only and not for regular treatment, the recommendation shall be available for a period not exceeding six months.

FORMS OF ADMISSION.

Printed Letters of Recommendation will, on application, be supplied by the House Governor and Secretary.

The attention of Subscribers is respectfully drawn to the fact that Letters of Recommendation in right of any subscription are available only during the year to which the subscription relates.

Subscribers are earnestly requested to carefully fill in on any Letter of Recommendation the required particulars as shown on the forms ; and, where the Patient resides in a town, to especially state the street and number of his or her residence.

WORKPEOPLE'S CONTRIBUTION SCHEME.

The rate of contribution for unmarried contributors is 3d. per week and the contributor is exempt from the maintenance charge if admitted to any Hospital, (with certain exceptions) but a contribution of 4d. per week from an unmarried man or woman (other than a widower or widow having children under 16 years of age) will include a parent who is unable, by reason of age or infirmity, to support himself or herself, and who is materially supported by the contributor.

The rate of contribution for a married man is 4d. per week which exempts himself, wife and children up to 16 years of age, including children adopted by and dependent upon the Contributor, from the maintenance charge.

MAINTENANCE CHARGE.

The maintenance charge which will be revised from time to time has been fixed at the rate of £3 3s. 0d. per week. Contributory Patients are exempt from this charge.

WORKPEOPLE'S HOSPITAL COMMITTEE.

TWENTY-SIXTH ANNUAL REPORT
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31st, 1947.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Chairman :

*W. E. BROWN, 47, Estcourt Road, Gloucester

Vice-Chairman :

*T. W. CLARK, 66, Falkner Street, Gloucester

A. O. Benfield, H. Benfield, E. Browning, G. J. Dance, W. J. Gullick, *W. Hill, A. J. Hodgson, W. E. Jones, W. A. King, W. G. Knight, J. Morefield, W. E. Moody, Miss Mustoe, *T. H. Nash, E. Oakhill, *A. Ornsby, *Mrs. E. Padgett, Mrs. Proctor, S. Roberts, C. Rowles, J. Scrivens, H. Shail, H. P. Staite, *R. F. Tiley, N. D. Twissell, W. A. Walker, C. Wilkes, F. L. Williams, J. Williams.

* Members of Sub-Committee.

Secretary : G. H. GRIFFITHS, The Royal Infirmary, Gloucester.

It is with considerable satisfaction that the Committee report an increase in contributions for the last complete year of the operation of the scheme.

The actual figures are :—

	Workpeople's Committee	Royal Infirmary League	TOTAL
1947	£30132 9 4 ...	£3192 18 11 ...	£33325 8 3
1946	£29323 11 5 ...	£2827 15 10 ...	£32151 7 3
Increase ...	£808 17 11 ...	£365 3 1 ...	£1174 1 0

The gross income derived from contributions since the inception of the Scheme is :—

Workpeople's Committee	Royal Infirmary League	TOTAL
£436435 1 0	£42538 9 0	£478973 10 0

While a detailed statement of the actual expenditure involved is not available, it is reasonable to suggest that the amount would not exceed £13,000. This alone speaks for the excellent voluntary organisation that has existed and for the popularity of the Scheme.

It is interesting to record that since 1927 over 50% of the total ordinary income of the Gloucestershire Royal Infirmary has been provided annually by the Contribution Scheme with the valuable assistance of the Royal Infirmary League.

The vast amount of voluntary work which has produced these excellent results cannot be assessed and the Committee is aware of the inadequacy of reiterated thanks. It is, however, apparent that everyone who has assisted in any way has done so with the object of maintaining and improving the Hospital and thus assisting those who, through illness or accident require Hospital treatment. The increase in the number of beds available, the modern apparatus and general efficiency of the Hospital are a fitting reward for the help so willingly given.

On behalf of all Contributors the Committee once again thank all members of the Honorary and Resident Medical and Surgical Staff, the Matron and members of the Nursing Staff, and the House Governor and members of his Staff, for the kindness and courtesy extended to all those who have had occasion to enter the Hospital during the year.

The local Press has again been very generous in its support of all matters affecting the Hospital and the assistance given cannot be overestimated.

The Committee would refer with deep regret to the death, during the year, of Mr. Poulton. Mr. Poulton had been a member of the Executive Committee for some years and was one of the oldest and most loyal supporters of the Scheme. in the Forest of Dean.

Since this report was commenced, the Committee has suffered a grievous loss through the sudden death of Mr. Benfield. Many tributes have been paid in the past to the work done by Mr. Benfield, both for the Contributory Scheme and the Hospital, and the presentation made to him in 1946 gave evidence of the general appreciation of his efforts.

The members of the Committee wish to record their sense of personal loss through the passing of a wise counsellor and loyal colleague and feel that the spirit of service and good fellowship displayed by Mr. Benfield will long be remembered in Hospital circles in Gloucestershire.

The "appointed day" for the introduction of the National Health Service is 5th July, 1948, and all contributors are urged to maintain their payments to the Scheme to that date. The increasing maintenance costs of the Hospital are so vast that it is incumbent upon each Contributor to make a special effort during the last few remaining months in which the Scheme will operate. This would indeed be a fitting memorial of the service rendered to the community for more than a quarter of a century.

W. E. BROWN, *Chairman.*
T. W. CLARK, *Vice-Chairman.*
G. H. GRIFFITHS, *Secretary.*

IN-PATIENTS

The Hospital is at all times open for the reception of cases of emergency or accident.

ADMISSIONS

All cases of urgency and serious accident shall be admitted without recommendation, but all In-patients shall be required to pay for their maintenance such sum in conformity with their means as may be from time to time fixed by the Weekly Board, unless they shall be exempted under the Workpeople's Contribution Scheme.

RECOMMENDED CASES

In-patients can be received on the presentation of a written recommendation of a Subscriber and five Out-patient papers or of a Member of the Acting Medical Staff in respect of any Out-patient under his treatment.

Every Subscriber is earnestly requested, before signing a recommendation for an In-patient, to obtain the opinion of a medical man as to the fitness of the case for Hospital treatment.

It is requested that Subscribers who intend sending patients from a distance should previously communicate with the Resident Surgical Officer to ascertain whether the patient can be admitted, forwarding at the same time the opinion of a medical man as to the suitability of the case.

No person will be admitted as an In-patient who in the opinion of the Medical Officers can be treated with equal benefit as an Out-patient.

VISITING DAYS

In-patients may be visited by their friends on Wednesdays and Saturdays from 2 till 4 o'clock. Visitors are allowed at no other time unless by permission of the Resident Surgical Officer and/or the Matron.

PAYING WARD BLOCK

There are four 2-bed wards, two 4-bed wards at the Hospital, and six private wards for paying patients. Particulars may be obtained from the House Governor and Secretary.

FORM OF BEQUEST

To those desirous of benefiting this Hospital by Will, the following Form of Legacy is recommended :—

I give to the Gloucestershire Royal Infirmary and Eye Institution the sum of £.....

for the specific purpose of.....

* which sum I direct to be paid exclusively out of such part of my personal estate as may lawfully be appropriated to such purpose, and I declare that the receipt of the Treasurer for the time being of the said Institution shall be a sufficient discharge to my Executors for the said sum.

* if desired, the words free of legacy duty can be inserted here.

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